

JULY 2, 2009 MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Inscho.
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE ready by Mayor Inscho
FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Skoog,
Mr. Fairfield and Ms. Reilly.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA – Mr. Gagliardi explained the new funding formula validated by the New Jersey Supreme Court in May reduces the 2009-10 school year to about \$340,000. Please see attached press release which explains the scenario of this matter. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Gagliardi and Mr. Johnson recommended to the Liberty Township Committee to settle with the new formula. The township committee agreed but they wish to reserve the right to resurrect its applications to withdraw from the regional district if the funding changes.

RESOLUTION 09-38 – Accepting new school formula and cease legal battles without prejudice. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.

At this time Mayor Inscho thanked everyone for coming this evening. He thanked Ray Bolzan and Mr. Petersen. He noted that Mr. Fisher took the “bull by the horns” and put a lot of time and energy into this issue. He also thanked Vito and Herb for all they did.

Mr. Fisher thanked the Committee and Mr. Bolzan for all of their time. He noted that Herb and Vito did a wonderful job!

Jennifer Cassini – GMR School Board Member – She said she is glad it is over and looking forward to working together.

Ray Bolzan – He thanked the Committee and tax payers of Liberty Township.

At this time Mayor Inscho called for a five minutes recess. Let the record reflect that at this time Mr. Fisher left for the rest of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Engineer Fairfield – Noted that the retaining wall on Lakeside Drive West is in good hands and he reviewed the engineer drawings.

Naccarato Guide Rail – He visited the area – noted the fences are privately owned and located in the right of way. If a guide rail is installed there is no need for a wet land

permit to do so. It was suggested that Mr. Inscho, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Romanowitch and Mr. Fairfield will meet at the site on June 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Reilly was directed to call Mrs. Naccarato to let her know.

Committeeman Tibak – He reported that the Recreation Commission voted to go forward with background and fingerprint checks. They will try to implement as soon as possible.

He also noted that they ask for options for re-surfacing the basketball courts. Steve will look into this.

Committeeman Petersen – He reported that he heard from DEP in reference to the discharge permit for septic at The Lodge. He has the narrative and will give it to Mr. Spann explaining what the \$450.00 fee is for.

Committeeman Grover – He reported that he met with Blairstown officials about joining services for the Building Department but noted that there would be no real savings of money. He also stated that he is looking into ways to save energy and there are grants for energy projects that he is looking into. He asked Ms. Reilly to ask Ms. Roseberry to pull all electric bills from all of the municipal building from last year and give to him to review.

Steve Romanowitch – DPW – He noted that the price for the guide rail mentioned previously could cost approximately \$30,000.

Mayor Inscho – He thanked Steve and the DPW for all the work they did on the roads and The Lodge. He noted the Auction for the Lodge will be on August 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Property previews are scheduled for 7/15/09 and 7/22/09 from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m.

He also noted that Mr. Romanowitch went door to door on a Sunday afternoon in the Townsbury and Spring Hill section of the township to inform residents of roadwork which is scheduled to take place, and thanked him on behalf of the residents and himself for this kind gesture.

He stated that Mr. Ron Reese from WRNJ radio station is retiring next month and wish him the best!

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Lisa Thomas – She was glad to hear about the Auction of The Lodge and the Fingerprinting for coaches, etc. and then asked what was planned for the Casino. It was explained to her that this matter will be discussed further by the Open Space Committee after The Lodge is sold.

Closed for Public Discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Warren County Housing for Small Cities Rehab Funding – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho to direct send letter.

RESOLUTIONS:

09-34 – Refund Lien Holders – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

09-35 – Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Bl. 9 Lot 11.01 – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

09-36 – Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Bl. 18 Lot 3 – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

09-37 – Extension of Third Quarter Taxes – Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on bills list.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator